

Seventh Sunday of Easter



**UNITY MARCHES VICTORIOUS IN
DIVERSITY**

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Unity Marches Victorious in Diversity

When Jesus' followers gathered together, they comprised a group that was not very diverse. They all belonged to the same ethnic group, grew up in the same culture, and spoke the same language. That would change drastically on Pentecost, when the gospel would be proclaimed in many languages to people from "every nation under heaven" (Acts 1:5). This diversity has always been part of Christ's plan. Rather than eliminating differences among the Church's members, the Church's unity is built on truths that transcends those differences. The Church truly is a communion of saints. Differences in our world often lead to division. Therefore, when the world sees the unity in diversity that characterizes Christ's Church, it will recognize something unique and special about Christians.

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May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

CW 697

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the first two measures of the melody. The second staff contains the next four measures, with the lyrics 'Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to' written below. The third staff contains the final four measures, with the lyrics 'God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,' written below. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes.

and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus

Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to
God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,
and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Acts 16:6-10

The ascended Lord directs Paul to leave Asia and preach the gospel for the first time in a territory that today we call Europe.

⁶Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. ⁷When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. ⁸So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. ⁹During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Oh, How Good and Pleasant It Is

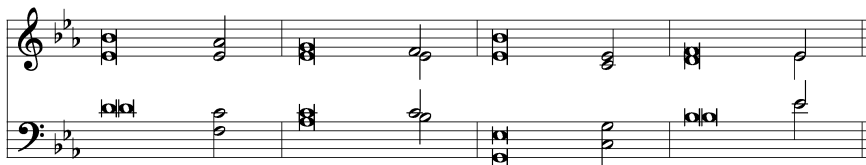
Psalms 133A

Refrain



Oh, how good and pleas - ant it is when
broth - ers live to - geth - er in u - ni - ty.

Tone



It is like precious oil poured on the / head,
running down on the / beard,
running down on Aaron's / beard,
down on the collar of his / robe. *Refrain*

It is as if the dew of / Hermon
were falling on Mount / Zion.
For there the LORD bestows his / blessing,
even life forever- / more.

**Glory be to the Father and to the / Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. A- / men. Refrain**

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Setting: Robert A. Hawthorne

Second Reading

Revelation 22:12-17, 20

St. John sees individuals of every nation, tribe, language, and people in heaven. They are perfectly united in the fact that all are wearing the robe of Christ's righteousness.

¹²“Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

¹⁴“Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. ¹⁵Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. ¹⁶“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.” ¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let the one who hears say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life. ²⁰He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:18



Refrain



Tone



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Gospel & Sermon Text

John 17:20-26

Jesus prays that all his followers might be one, just as he and the Father are one.

²⁰“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— ²³I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴“Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. ²⁵“Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Sermon

Pastor Kenneth Frey

What is Jesus praying for you?

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head

CW 861

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

CW 884

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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Worship Notes

Preacher: Kenneth Frey

Presiding Minister: Kenneth Frey

Organist: Nancy Zander

Service Teams:

8:00 a.m.	T. Blob (Head Usher), M./B./B. Blob, R./J. Fischer, Z. Vogel, P. Tiedt, M./M. Eichsteadt, C. Wilson, T./T. Paschen, E. Dvorak
9:30 a.m.	C. Woehler (Head Usher), T. Falck, A. Ziegler, D. Olson, T. Falck, M. Spaude, D. Falck, M. Fay
6:00 p.m.	No Service

Greeters:

8:00 a.m.	K. & M. Runkel
9:30 a.m.	F. & M. Toppe
6:00 p.m.	No Service

Welcome

In an age of anxiety we still believe that peace comes from Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

In an age of confusion we still believe that the Bible is the word of God, inerrant and infallible.

In an age of doubt we still believe that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.

In an age of guilt we still believe that Jesus died on the cross to pay for the sins of the world, bringing complete pardon and joy to all believers.

In an age of reason we still believe that God is at work in the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.

In an age of change we still believe in one unchanging God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Whether you are a first time visitor or returning guest, we are delighted to share our worship with you. Please come back and worship with us again.



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